

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In re: **W249BG, Richmond, IN**  
Facility ID No. 140566  
Silent since May 10, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tepper:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 22, 2019, on behalf of Star Educational Media Network, Inc. (SEMN), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W249BG to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SEMN stated that Station W249BG went silent on May 10, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on May 30, 2019, and expired on November 26, 2019. SEMN requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SEMN's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W249BG to remain silent until May 10, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W249BG will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., May 11, 2020.<sup>1</sup>**

SEMN is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SEMN does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>2</sup>

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).